

League of California Cities

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The Honorable Ken Calvert U.S. House of Representatives 2201 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Calvert:

On behalf of the League of California Cities, I applaud and support your efforts to enact CALFED legislation with the introduction of H.R. 2828, "The Water Supply, Reliability and Environmental Improvement Act".

Since 1994, California and the federal government have been working in partnership to develop a comprehensive plan to improve our drinking water quality and supply and to restore the ecosystem. In order for the CALFED program to succeed, however, the federal government must be an active partner, including a commitment to provide much needed funding for CALFED projects.

Your legislation recognizes the critical water resources needs of California. We understand that in advancing this important issue, you are working with Senator Feinstein to craft a bipartisan, bicameral approach. We strongly support such an effort, which will unite Californians behind one approach.

Again, thank you for your strong leadership on this issue. We appreciate your support and look forward to working with you and your staff as the bill moves forward. Please feel free to contact us on this issue, or your staff can contact the League's Washington representative, Eve O'Toole, at 202/833-0007.

Sincerely,

Chris McKenzie Executive Director